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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 16, 2003

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2003 ("Office Action"). This response is due on November 17, 2003 (November 16, 2003 is a Sunday) with a two month extension of time. Please charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-697 (CURA-197).

Amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.